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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified Application be entered as contained herein.

In the claims:

In this patent application, please consider under prosecution claims 1-18 wherein amended claims 1, 3, 6, 8-11, and 13-18 are entered as follows:

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1. (Amended) Process for oxidising a substrate which is an acyclic or cyclic terpene, or a cycloalkene or a substituted derivative thereof, and which process comprises: oxidising said substrate with a mutant haem-containing enzyme, the mutant comprising a substitution of an amino acid in an active site by an amino acid with a less polar side-chain.